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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know how the estimate was arrived at on the basis that the boys who are likely to pass must always belong to the richer classes?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" The estimate is based on commonsense."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Government will consider the question of reducing the present heavy fees?"

" The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" They are not heavy, they are fairly moderate."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I do not know what 'commonsense' there is here; may I know what is really meant?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" 'Commonsense' means reasoning based on human nature."

Revenue and expenditure and amount spent by way of capital investment in South Kanara.

* 99 *Q.*—Sri D. MANJAYA HEGDE : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue and expenditure and surplus, if any, in South Kanara district for the years 1936–37 and 1937–38; and

(*b*) whether the Government have spent any amount in the nature of capital investment in the district of South Kanara hitherto?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" (*a*) A statement [a] showing the figures of revenue realized and expenditure incurred in the district of South Kanara for the years 1936–37 and 1937–38 is laid on the table. But the statement does not include

(1) the revenue and expenditure in the Public Works and Forest departmental accounts, as figures are not available for these departments by districts;

(2) revenue or expenditure relating to the district booked outside the district, for example, that relating to the Governor, Legislature, Secretariat, Heads of Departments and Circle Officers, High Court, Debt charges, Stationery and Printing, Expenditure in England, Pension liability for the Headquarters and Circle staff and the like.

" In view of this and other factors, which would affect the figures, the surplus or deficit in the district of South Kanara cannot be assessed from this statement.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 253–254 *infra*.

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" (b) No capital investment has so far been incurred on electric and irrigation projects in South Kanara district."

SRI D. MANJAYA HEDGE:—" With a certain amount of surplus, what objection have Government to invest a capital amount on the paper industry? We have got enough bamboos there."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Government have no objection, if, on examination, it is found to be a good proposal."

SRI A. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR:—" May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to prepare a budget for each district?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Not yet, Sir."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" There have been many complaints in connexion with this capital expenditure in South Kanara. Have Government any schemes other than electrical schemes, such as minor irrigation schemes, for meeting the needs of the people?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Capital expenditure is not merely a matter for equal distribution, but it depends upon the resources and the needs of each locality. If hon. Members will assist in initiating and making suggestions in regard to useful remunerative and good investments in any locality, they will be duly considered by the Government."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" Is it not a question more of equitable expenditure considering that South Kanara is one of the most backward districts in the matter of minor irrigation works, etc.?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Equitable expenditure is certainly the policy of this Government, Sir."

Alleged issue of notice for the supersession of Kodavasal and Tiruturaipundi panchayat boards and grounds therefor.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR on behalf of Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidu Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued notice to the panchayat boards of Kodavasal and Tiruturaipundi to show cause why they should not be superseded;

(b) if so, what the grounds are on which the Government issued the said notices;